

Miss Hicks' Classroom News



Welcome to my classroom

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Hi! My name is Miss Valerie Hicks. I am excited to be starting a new school year with your son or daughter. This is my fifth year teaching first grade, but this is my first year in this school and in this neighborhood.

I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education at Bowie State University in Bowie, Maryland. I was born in Washington, DC and grew up in Oxon Hill, Maryland. That is why I'm excited to be teaching in the Oxon Hill area, in a neighborhood is special to me.

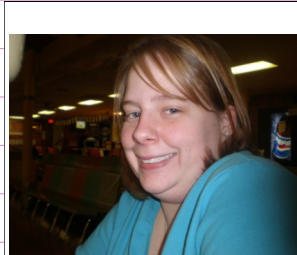
I knew I wanted to be a teacher when I was in the fourth grade, and I

hope my passion for children will be evident in my interactions with you and your child. I believe that every child is capable of learning if given the right tools and opportunities. It is my job to determine what those tools are and make sure they are available to every child in my classroom.

I believe that you and I are a team in making sure that your child is as successful as possible in school. I am available to meet with parents every day, during specials, between 1:45 and 2:15pm. If you plan to come in, please send a note in with your child that morning so I can be prepared.

I also check my email daily, so this may be a good way to communicate. I will reply to emails received as soon as I possibly can. My email address is valerie-hicks84@gmail.com.

Once again, I am excited to be working with your child this year, and look forward to meeting you as well.



Miss Valerie Hicks

Classroom Rules Poem

We recite this poem every day

We raise our hands to speak
We work quietly at our seats
We use voices soft and sweet
We keep our place tidy and neat
We are helpful, friendly, and fair
We take turns and willingly share

Classroom Supplies

Homework Policy

The purpose of homework is to reinforce what we have learned in class, and to teach responsibility. Homework packets will be sent home with your child each Monday and are due Friday. There will be a homework assignment for each day of the school week. On most nights, homework assignments should take no longer than 30 minutes. If your child regularly takes more than 30 minutes to complete the assignments, please let me know. Please check your child's homework folder each night to make sure they have completed their assignments. I will also use this folder to send home permission slips and other important papers, so please make sure this folder gets returned to school each day. Homework will be graded and will be included on report cards. Your child should also be spending 30 minutes per night reading, or being read to, for pleasure. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at once.

1 dozen #2 pencils
2 large erasers
1 pair rounded tip scissors
2 boxes 24 crayons
2 glue sticks
1 supply box
1 box wet wipes
1 boxes Kleenex
1 box Qt. zip locks
1 backpack